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SUBJECT: US-USSR COOPERATION IN ATOMIC ENERGY (07): VISIT TO USSR
OF ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR ROBERTS

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1. DURING 20 FEBRUARY MEETING AT SCAE, EMBOFF REQUESTED FROM MYAKINKOV STATUS OF ROBERT'S VISIT. MYAKINKOV OBSERVED THAT SUGGESTED DATES OF 25 APRIL - 5 MAY COVER IMPORTANT SOVIET HOLIDAY, AND THAT PLANNING AND RESERVATIONS WOULD BE PROHIBITIVELY DIFFICULT AT THAT TIME. IN RESPONSE EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS, MYAKINKOV SAID THAT ENTIRE MONTH OF APRIL IS "INCONVENIENT" FOR SOVIETS AND THAT FOR MARCH THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TIME.

2. MYAKINKOV SAID THAT SOVIET SIDE WOULD FIND IT MUCH EASIER TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROBERTS'S VISIT IF IT TOOK PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AS VISIT BY A US DELEGATION. MYAKINKOV NOTED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES NEED NOT OVERLAP, AND THAT ROBERTS AND HIS ACCOMPANYING PARTY WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE ITEMS IN WHICH THEY HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST. MYAKINKOV SUGGESTED THAT TIMING COULD COINCIDE WITH ANY OF THREE US DELEGATIONS: THE FBR SEMINAR IN LATE JULY, THE FBR COORDINATION MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, OR AROUND THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

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3. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT, WHILE IT IS CERTAIN THAT DR. ROBERTS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF A VISITING DELEGATION, THE REAL PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT IS TO GAIN FAMILIARIZATION WITH USSR ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM. TO AWAIT THE VISIT OF A DELEGATION WOULD NECESSITATE A DELAY IN THE VISIT OF AT LEAST THREE MONTHS, AND EMBOFF ASKED IF THERE WERE NOT A TIME CONVENIENT TO THE SOVIETS BEFORE THE END OF JULY. MYAKINKOV (WHO APPEARED UNSURPRISED BY THE QUESTION) SAID THAT SOVIETS COULD HOST ROBERT'S VISIT DURING 15 MAY - 1 JUNE PERIOD. EMBOFF PROMISED TO SEEK GUIDANCE AND RESPOND.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. FOR EMBASSY SCHEDULING PURPOSES, PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER ROBERTS WILL WISH TO BE ACCOMPANIED (REF A, PARA 2).
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